

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

July 22, 2010

**5:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Michael Kelly (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

**Absent:** None

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**1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on July 15, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Valentine  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending July 21, 2010 in the amount of \$ 264,666.53 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of July 15 – July 21, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from May 28 – July 20, 2010

**RESOLVED:** That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None**

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**5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:**

**RESOLVED:** That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,084,028.81 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

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**6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:**

**Andrew Golt** 17 Couch Street spoke about people aren't stopping at red lights around the city. He wishes police were at intersections more and issuing tickets which would be money for the police department.

**Mayor Kasprzak** stated the police are there maybe Mr. Golt doesn't see them but they are around the city and he will mention it the Police Chief

**Mary Duprey, Larry Mills and Randy Hiliker** spoke representing the "North Country Biggest Loser" program at the Recreation Department. They wanted to thank the City of Plattsburgh and they truly believe it impacted the 10 people and their families. **Mary Duprey** shared a card she received from one of the participants children it said "Thank you for teaching our family to eat right and thanks for helping our Dad." **Larry Mills** and **Randy Hiliker** shared how this program improved their lives.

**Mayor Kasprzak** thanked them all for coming to the Council and they want to recognize all who participated and everyone understands how they sacrificed and the wonderful results.

**Councilor Kelly** requested we give them a round of applause.

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**7. OTHER ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the second season of the North Country's Biggest Loser Program by sponsoring up to 50 memberships for participants in the program.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter  
Discussion: None  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**B. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office be authorized to advertise for a rebid for Housing Rehab Project HOME 2009-2, 144 Pine Street (Martin). The bid received in June came in above the in house cost estimates and grant funding available.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**C. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the Community Development Office be authorized to advertise for bids for 2008 Main St. Program BIP # 15-2008, 31 Durkee Street (Maui North). This project consists of roof replacement and façade renovation.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**D. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Project HOME 2009-3, 51 Wall Street (Anna Connors) be awarded to Handy Dan D Home Improvement for the total amount of \$24,950. This project will be funded by the 2009 HOME program.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**E. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that M A Jerry & CO be awarded Contract # 2010-10, "One new 2011 single axle truck w/snow plow and multi-purpose dump spreader body," for a total cost of \$159,587.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**F. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that M A Jerry & CO be awarded Contract # 2010-11, "One new 2011 tandem axle dump truck," for a total cost of \$116,253.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**G. RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the North Country Center for Independence can hold an ADA Celebration with the candidates event on August 14, 2010 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm in Trinity Park.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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**H. Motion to waive rule 4 for initial consideration** "Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for the Council to approve continued City fringe benefits coverage for Officer Levi Ritter for an additional twelve weeks from July 23, 2010 to October 15, 2010, while Officer Ritter remains on 207c worker's compensation payroll leave," "Request from the City Chamberlain to review and approve the sale of seven properties to be sold at auction on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, for the collection of delinquent property taxes, provided the auction results are acceptable to the Common Council for the disposal of each property and the redemption of the property tax liens related to each parcel."

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves continued City fringe benefits coverage for Officer Levi Ritter for an additional twelve weeks from July 23, 2010 to October 15, 2010, while Officer Ritter remains on 207c worker's compensation payroll leave.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Valentine

Discussion:

**Councilor Jackson** would like an explanation of why we are doing this.

**Councilor Calnon** explained when they have a injury leave such as this they try and continue benefits so the individual can return to work when they are better. **City Chamberlain Richard Marks** stated the police contract states the benefits stop at 12 weeks so it needs Council approval to continue up to one year.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

**RESOLVED:** In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the City Chamberlain to review and approve the sale of seven properties to be sold at auction on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, for the collection of delinquent property taxes, provided the auction results are acceptable to the Common Council for the disposal of each property and the redemption of the property tax liens related to each parcel.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson  
Discussion:

**Councilor Calnon** the reason he wanted to move this tonight is because it has been a long process getting to this point, we are getting a net gain and not only are we meeting out obligation to the tax payers and the sooner we can move the property the better for us in terms of cash flow. Also, since most of these properties need work it is better for the purchaser to get the work done in the better construction season. He did get a chance to speak to **City Chamberlain Richard Marks** and he was very impressed with the Auction company.

**Councilor Carpenter** asked **Assessor Brian Dowling** does this have any affect on other neighboring properties. He said not at the moment and by 2011 they will be back up to where they should be and valued according to everybody else.

**Mayor Kasprzak** stated not only were their financial benefits above and beyond what we have collected from delinquent taxes and the expenditures we had on one of the properties. One of the other keys was putting it back on the tax roles after the people renovate the properties and it is good for the entire City.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)

**ACTION TAKEN:** Adopted

Follow up Action: None

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## **8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None**

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## 9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the Community Development Office for a Change Order to Project HOME #1-2009 at 14 Leblanc Lane in the total amount of \$2,446.00. During construction, the electric heating units were found to malfunction and the thermostats defective; both requiring replacement.
2. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for the Council to approve continued City fringe benefits coverage for Officer Levi Ritter for an additional twelve weeks from July 23, 2010 to October 15, 2010, while Officer Ritter remains on 207c worker's compensation payroll leave. **(Moved to agenda under "Other Items" Letter H)**
3. Request from Bill Treacy Manager MLD that the Mayor be authorized to sign the contract for Bid No. 2010-3-3 "One-Man Aerial Bucket Hybrid Truck with Line Service Body." The total cost is \$210, 640. The hybrid cost of the vehicle (\$100,000) will be paid by the Electric Power Research Institute and the Department of Energy. The New York State Power Authority will pay \$10,000 and the balance of \$100,640 will be funded through the MAP as an interest free loan.
4. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bids for PMLD BID NO. 2010-7-2 "Commissioning of the Wall Street Substation." Bid Opening Date: August 12, 2010 at 11:00 am.
5. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to advertise for sealed bids for PMLD BID NO. 2010-7-1 "Sale of damaged 5000KVA Transformer and Switchgear." Bid Opening Date: August 24, 2010 at 11:00 am.
6. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to write-off unpaid final bills from June 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 in the total amount of \$3,032.99. The percentage of write-offs for this period is .34%.
7. Request from the City Chamberlain to review and approve the sale of seven properties to be sold at auction on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010, for the collection of delinquent property taxes, provided the auction results are acceptable to the Common Council for the disposal of each property and the redemption of the property tax liens related to each parcel. **(Moved to agenda under "Other Items" Letter H)**
8. Request from Community Development Office that Project Main St. BIP #5-2008 (Campus Corner-92 Bridge St) be awarded to JB Carpentry and Fencing LLC for the contract amount of \$92,362.00. This project will be funded by the 2008 NYS Main Street program.
9. Recommendation from City Engineer to authorize the Mayor to sign a consultant design agreement with Stantec consulting Services, Inc, 3 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY for design services for Reconstruction of South Catherine Street, PIN, 7753.14 from South Peru Street to South Platt Street.

10. Request from Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to attend the “MEUA Annual Meeting” in Lake Placid, NY on September 14 – 17, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$889.00.

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10. NEW BUSINESS:

**Councilor Valentine** wants to talk about Liaison’s and the system they have on the council and if it is something we want to continue and if they do what the rules of engagement are and would like to open up the discussion and feels the department heads should be included. **Councilor Jackson, Calnon, Kelly and Carpenter** joined in the discussion and shared their opinions about liaisons and what they feel the liaison’s role is.

**Mayor Kasprzak** spoke about the horrible rain storm we had yesterday. All the departments had to deal with a lot of different issues and they all did an outstanding job yesterday and thru the evening.

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11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine  
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Kelly, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson  
(All voted in the affirmative)  
**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 6:06 pm